

Practice. Accordingly, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the amended claims marked up, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii), to show all changes relative to the previous version of each claim and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3 ,line 28, after "and", delete "3,666,41" and insert therefor -3,666,421--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-15, 17-19, 21, and 24.

Sub B1
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16. A method of analyzing blood, comprising:

- (a) reacting a sample of blood with anti-A and anti-B antibodies;
- (b) reacting a sample of blood with reagent red blood cells bearing A antigen and with reagent red blood cells bearing B antigen;
- (c) subjecting the sample to visual or spectrophotometric analysis; and
- (d) analyzing the visual or spectrophotometric analysis to determine ABO type;

wherein the visual analysis comprises column agglutination technology.

A2 Sub B2
20. The method of claim 16 wherein the reagent red blood cells of step (b) are stained.

Sub B3
22. The method of claim 20 wherein the column agglutination technology is a column agglutination test reaction and separation vessel in cassette form.

A3
23. The method of Claim 22 wherein an automated computerized imaging system is employed to interpret an agglutination result.